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A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) A copy[a] of the order passed on the memorial is placed on the table.
(*c*) Yes.

Depressed Classes.

Adi-Dravida hostel for girls.

*381 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to start an Adi-Dravida hostel purely for Adi-Dravidas and other depressed classes girls on the lines of the existing Government Adi-Dravida hostel at Madras for boys and young men?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government will be pleased to consider the proposal at least now ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes."

Alleged prohibition of certain depressed classes from passing through certain villages.

*382 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken on my representation to them on 30th May 1925 regarding the prohibiting of the depressed classes from passing through several of the villages with clean clothes around their waists, sandals on their feet and umbrellas in their hands in the South Arcot district ?

A.—The Government have enquired into the matter. The Commissioner of Labour and his subordinates have not been informed of any instance of such prohibition or of its enforcement in the manner described by the hon. Member in his letter.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know the result of the inquiry made by the Government apart from the inquiry made by the Commissioner of Labour ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" As stated in the answer, the Commissioner of Labour made inquiries and reported to the Government that he is not able to confirm the statement made in the question."

Emigration.

Emigration to and settlement in Laccadive Islands.

*383 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rules, if any, in force regarding the emigration to and permanent settlement of mainlanders in the Laccadive Islands ;

(*b*) the law under which the islanders refusing to co-operate in the rat-hunts organized from time to time in the islands are liable to be fined or otherwise punished ;

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 730-731 infra.